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For: POLYAMIDE-BASED SAUSAGE SKIN WHICH CAN BE FILLED MANUALLY

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated January 12, 2001 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), please substitute for original claim 1, the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, single-layer or a biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, multiple-layer food casing having a residual shrinkage in the range of from 5 to 20% at 80°C, in which the layer or, in the case of multiple-layer casings, at least one of the layers comprises a block copolymer containing "hard" aliphatic polyamide blocks having a glass-transition temperature of from 20 to 80°C and "soft" aliphatic polyether blocks having a glass-transition temperature of from -100 to -20°C, which block copolymer corresponds to one of the formulae I to III

